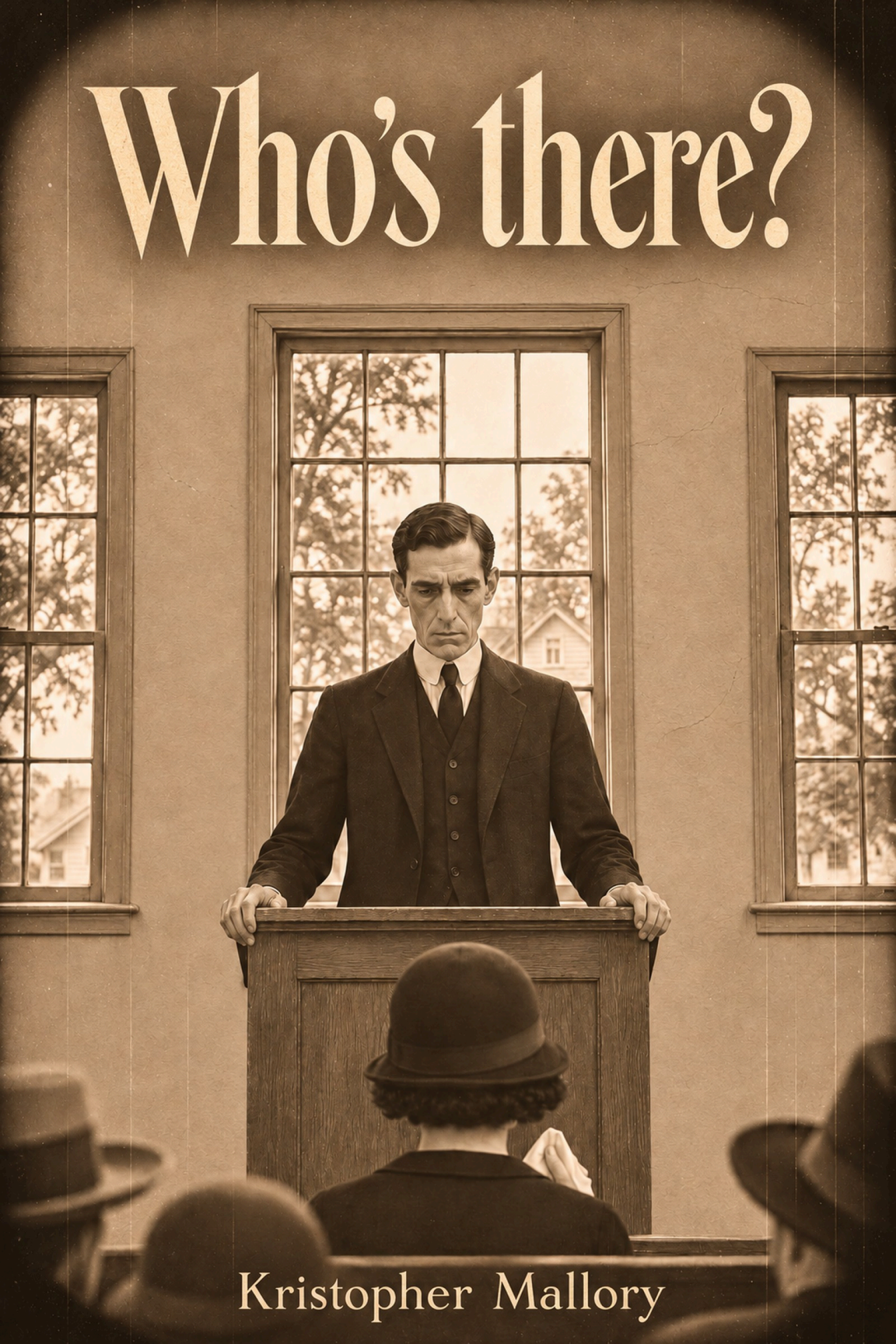
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*A Dark Comedy*

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# Special Thanks

*Knock. Knock.*

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# Who's there?

*“I have never killed any one, but I have read some obituary notices with great satisfaction.”*

~ Clarence Darrow, The Story of My Life (1932)

Dan and Ricky were friends for years. Then there was a disagreement involving a woman. Words were said. Things were smashed. Fists were thrown. Wishes of each other's death were made. For years they did not speak.

One day, Ricky learned that Dan had died of pancreatic cancer — the not-fun kind. Ricky dressed in his best attire and attended the funeral.

Everyone commented on how they wished Ricky and Dan could have found a way to become friends again. Ricky nodded. Everyone mentioned how good it was that Ricky had come to give his final respects to Dan. Ricky nodded.

During the service, the preacher asked if anyone wanted to say a few words about Dan. Ricky slowly raised his hand. Tears welled up in everyone's eyes in anticipation of Ricky's eulogy for Dan.

As Ricky stood in front of the podium looking out at the crowd of people, he locked eyes with the woman in the front row. It was the same woman that Ricky and Dan had the disagreement over. That disagreement being she was Ricky's wife, but then left him for Dan.

Ricky looked at her; the very, very sad expression on his face said it all. He began to speak: "I have but a few words." Then, with his eyes still locked on the woman, he said, "Knock. Knock."

Everyone was silent, obviously confused.

Ricky, looking even more sad and somewhat desperate, repeated, "Knock. Knock."

The woman finally said, "Who's there?"

Ricky bowed his head and shook it slowly. He didn't respond for several seconds, then he lifted his head, locking eyes with her once again, and said, "Well, it's certainly not Dan."

It was at that point when everyone realized that look of sorrow they thought they saw on Ricky’s face happened to be the same look a person gets when they are trying to suppress the Biggest. Laugh. Ever.

THE END.



# About the Author



Born near Baltimore, Maryland, Kris has been writing short fiction since he was a kid. First sharing his ramblings on Stealth Fiction and then on Reddit, where most of his stories were posted to r/nosleep. His stories have been featured on The NoSleep Podcast, Chilling Tales for Dark Nights, Tales to Terrify, and Horror on the Rocks. The recording of The Scarecrow Corpse, read by Markiplier, has been heard hundreds of thousands of times. He lives in Melbourne, Australia, with his wife. And occasionally, he turns into a strawberry.

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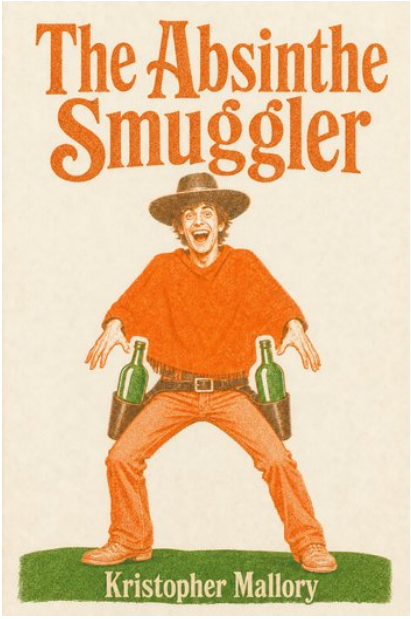
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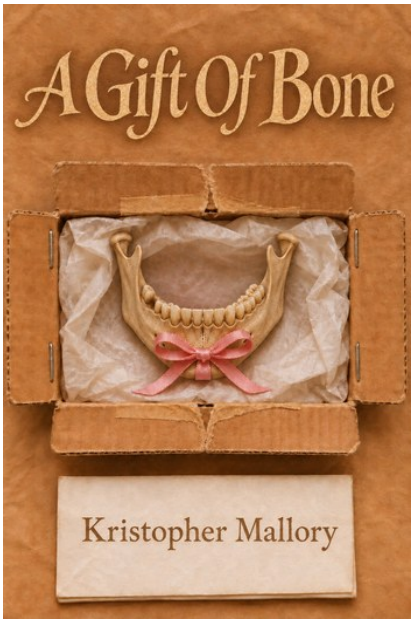



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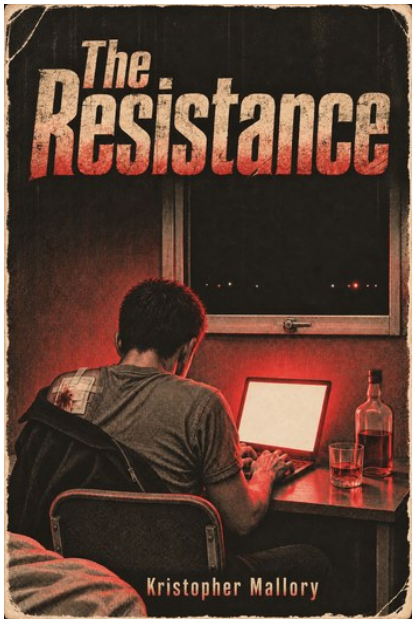
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Ten cities so far have each received a gift from the Gifter, and the retired investigator who knows the old case best still won't come back.

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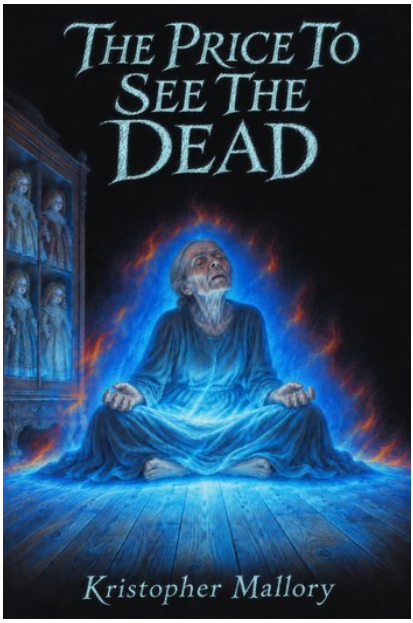
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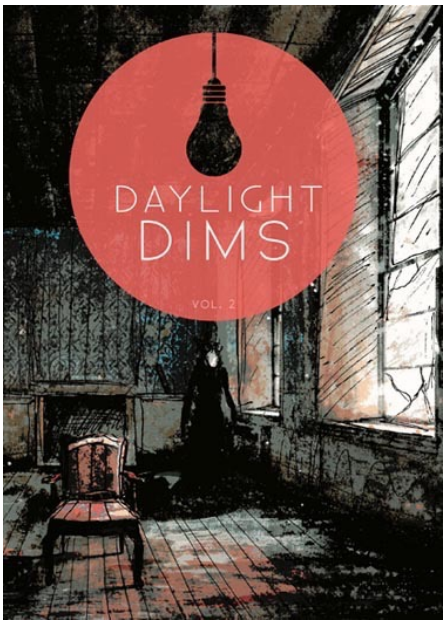
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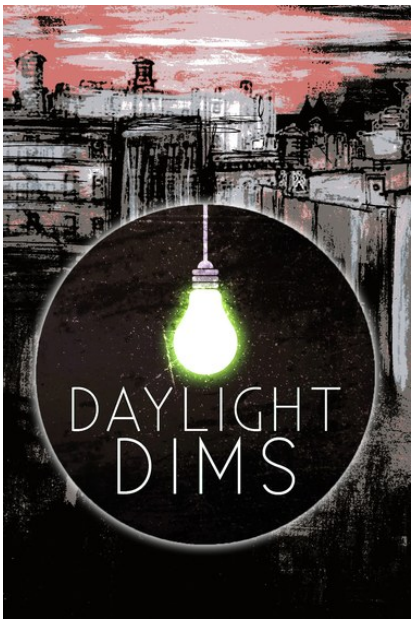
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